

If Democrats Controlled the House...

A Weekly Taste of Their Legislative Agenda

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Proposal: H.R. 1124, Fairness in Taxation Act

Sponsor: Rep. Janice D. Schakowsky (D-IL)

Summary: This proposed law would increase the marginal income tax rate to 39.6% for those making over \$1 million, 47% for anyone making over \$100 million, and 49% for anyone making over \$1 billion.

Problems with the Bill: In a bill so ideologically radical, it is not even necessary to mention the obvious negative economic consequences of such a law. The more fundamental problem with this measure is the Orwellian attempt to redefine 'fairness' into its own opposite. Americans believe that true fairness entails the equality of opportunity rather than the equality of results, and that those who earn a high income deserve to keep what they have earned just as much as anybody else does. The Democratic attempt to redefine fairness into an outcome-based rather than an opportunity-based goal presents a deep and relentless attack on the idea of the American Dream itself. Bills such as this one constitute politics of envy and injustice rather than politics of fairness and prosperity, and our country cannot afford to continue down the path presented in this bill.

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